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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding action dated January 29, 2002, in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire July 1, 2002, (June 29, 2002 being a Saturday) due to the attached two-month petition for extension of time, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

[X] A petition to extend this period for two-month(s) until July 1, 2002, is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 7 and 10.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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8. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the hypoglycemic agent is selected from the group consisting of a sulfonylurea, repaglinide, nateglinide, a DPP-IV inhibitor, GLP1 and GLP1 agonist, or in in each case, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (Once amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the hypoglycemic agent is nateglinide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.